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September 2024 Newsletter



From Pastor Mike: September 2024

It's back to school time. That means school activities including sports, band, drama, chorus, and e-sports. That also means back to confirmation class and Sunday School. Confirmation class starts September 11 after school and will last approximately an hour. There will be a parent meeting at 6:30 pm on September 11 for parents. I will talk about what confirmation will look like for the next two years and parents can ask any questions they might have. Sunday School will start September 8. While all of this fills up our schedules quickly, take time to give thanks for all that God has given each of us and give thanks that we are in a place where we can go to school and go to church in a relatively safe environment. "O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 136:26).

With September, we move into the start of harvest season. Farmers, although there is a lot to get done, please take your time and be careful. For those that are not involved in agriculture, when you see big equipment moving down the road, take a deep breath, take your time, give them room. I know I say this every year but that is because I care about each one of you. God cares about each one of you, too. Be careful out there, take care of your neighbor, and take care of yourself. May God bless you in the busy month ahead. Amen.

Peace,

Mike



West Clermont Lutheran Church Council Meeting –August 7, 2024

Present: Randy Wiedenhoff, Tasha Massman, Kenny Monteith, Rodney Wagner, Diane Butikofer, and Pastor Mike Erickson.

Randy called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Pastor Mike opened with prayer.
Motion made by Kenny to approve the agenda. Diane second, motion carried.

July minutes read. Safety switch in boiler room does not have a cover on it. Motion made by Diane to approve the minutes. Rodney second, motion carried.

Treasurer report: All routine receipts for July. Motion made by Tasha to approve treasurer report. Rodney second, motion carried. Diane made motion to move \$4,000 from property maintenance to general fund. Yearly insurance bill \$8,012 paid and property LP \$4,787.03. Kenny second, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will plan to register and attend Wartburg Seminary this fall. He is interested in attending this for continuing ed.

Old Business/Committee Reports:

A. Constitutional Revisions- Tabled for next meeting.

B. Umbrellas in downstairs entry- Will purchase 4 golf umbrellas estimate at \$13 each & umbrella container to keep in the entryway for rainy days. Randy made motion to approve. Diane second, motion carried.

C. Outside landscape maintenance- Kathy & Diane have been updating the flower beds outside. Removing pea gravel around flag pole & sign and replace with more manageable perennials & mulch.

New Business:

A. Evergreens. Will not remove evergreens along the church. Plan to have them trimmed back.

B. Complete removal of flowers- A few council members are working at updating flower beds currently.

C. Land options for purchase for Solar Panel Project- Funds are not available for purchasing land for solar project. No action taken.

Announcements & Important Dates

A. Newsletter items are due by Wednesday, August 26th.

B. Copper Creek Service is Wed., August 14th @ 10:30am.

C. Pictorial Committee Currently signing up families online and after services at church. Photo shoot to take place October 1-2 from 2-8:30pm each day.

D. Senior Fun Day is August 14th & 28th from 2-4pm.

E. Boiler Relief Valve Checklist is hanging by the boilers.

F. Office computer storage. Office computer has been downloaded and saved. Hard drive is in vault.

G. August Worship Schedule

1. August 4- Holy Communion @ church.
2. August 11- Worship in the park.
3. August 18- Worship in the park.
4. August 25- Holy Communion @ church.

Closing Prayer/Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Randy at 6:30p.m. Tasha second, motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



WELCA Board Minutes, August 7, 2024

WELCA Board met on August 7, 2024 @ 1:05 pm. Those attending were: Linda Hyde, June Swenson, Deb Guyer, Mae Becker, and Marcia Wiedenhoff.

Secretary's Report: Minutes read individually. Deb/ Mae/ Carried:

Treasurer's Report: Checking balance: \$2,517.48; Savings balance: \$3,223.68; Quilting fund: \$418.05
Motion to approve: Linda /Mae/Carried

Old Business

1. **Clermont 175th:** A huge Thank You to all who helped with the WELCA Spin the Wheel in the park. All but a few color books and crayons and cook books were left. Only 7 cases of cook books left.

2. **Meeting at EWALU:** Joint Circle meeting at EWALU for a tour of the grounds, Bible study and lunch. Arline Davison will set this up in the fall. Waiting for more details.
3. **Rummage/Bake Sale:** Set for Friday, September 20th: 2:00 - 6:00pm and Saturday, September 21st 9:00 - Noon. Sunday, September 22nd after church. *Bring items to the church starting Monday September 16th. Tables will be set up and labeled. Individuals are responsible to place items in designated area. Household items, Baked goods and fresh produce. NO CLOTHING!
4. **GHM "2024 Newborn Kit Challenge":** Discussed WELCA participating in this. Sheets listing items needed was given to each circle and they can choose to participate if they wish. Kits will be gathered and distributed to LSI for relocated families.

New Business:

1. **Correspondence:** Global Health Ministries, Helping Services and LWR
2. **Shepherd of the Hill Hog Roast:** October 6th: 4:00 - 7:00 pm: St. Olaf. Online Quilt Auction will start September 16 (Facebook Page) until midnight October 5. In-Person bidding is October 6, 4:00 - 6:00pm. Amy Cummings and Marcia W will be assisting with the Quilt Auction.
3. **Little Flock Cluster B Fall Gathering:** October 26 at First Lutheran Church in McGregor.
4. **LWR Truck:** November 1st in Decorah.
5. **WELCA Brochure:** The updated brochure was handed out to each circle to share.
6. **Recycling concerns:** Discussion of how to get more involved in recycling within the church.

Sunday coffee Schedule: September-Ruth; October-Sarah; November-Mary

Coffee Hour Area: Sarah. **Kitchen:** Mary. **Fresh Flowers/Plants/Seasonal Decor:** Ruth.

Altar Duties (September thru December): Sarah.

Motion to Adjourn: 1:37pm June/ Mae/ Carried **Closing:** The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: September 4, 2024 @ 1:00

Submitted: Marcia Wiedenhoff, Board President/Secretary



September, 2024

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION	BREAD
9/1/2024*		Brailyn Dirksen	June Swenson	Zelpha Henderson
9/8/2024	Layne Kleppe	Natalie Bassett		
9/15/2024	Kayleen Schrader	Sutton Schrader		
9/22/2024*		Keegan Klemp	Wendy Larson	
9/29/2024	Lois Miller	Ryan Dean		

September Ushers: Randy Wiedenhoff, Derrick and Layne Kleppe



September

09/01 Cummings Cecelia
 09/01 Lerch Colby
 09/03 Massman Brecken
 09/06 Steffens Alexis
 09/08 Miller Rebecca
 09/11 West Lynzee
 09/14 Ruckdashel Lexi
 09/17 Spain Cole
 09/24 Ruckdashel Gene
 09/27 Steffens Brenda

09/01 Henderson Zelpha
 09/01 Massman Tasha
 09/03 Schneider Alexis
 09/08 Dean Sarah
 09/11 Knickerbocker Andrew
 09/12 Wander Brendan
 09/14 Siebrecht Bud
 09/18 Billmeyer Cooper
 09/26 Olson Haylee
 09/29 Nelson, Jr. Millard

09/01 Kleppe Layne
 09/01 Steffens Aric
 09/05 Nalty Julie
 09/08 Miller Lois
 09/11 Lembke Callie
 09/13 Jacobsen Nicole
 09/15 Alexander Kierra
 09/24 Joyner Tom
 09/27 Kleppe Yvonne
 09/30 Wescott Ayden



Offerings: July 28, 2024 – August 25, 2024

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Loose: \$23.00

Regular: \$780.00

Total General Fund: \$840.42

Building Fund: \$230.00 (roof \$180.00, regular \$50)

Memorial Fund: \$100.00 IMO Inez Oakland

Attendance: 42

Copies: \$3.75

Noisy Can: \$33.67

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Loose: \$76.00

Regular: \$710.00

Total General Fund: \$814.38

Attendance: 31

Noisy Can: \$58.38

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Loose: \$3.00

Noisy Can: \$20.33

Total General Fund: \$2,503.33

Building Fund: \$230.00 (Roof: \$180.00 / Regular: \$50.00)

Attendance: 40

Regular: \$2,480.00

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Noisy Can: \$21.75

Regular: \$840.00

In Honor of Mark & Denise Nelson 45th Anniversary: \$500.00

Total General Fund: \$1,382.75

Attendance: 40

Loose: \$21.00

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Loose: \$41.00

Noisy Can: \$26.51

Total General Fund: \$697.51

Roof: \$180.00

Memorial Fund: \$50.00-IMO Ruth Amundson

Attendance: 42

Regular: \$630.00




Prayer List

Requested: Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Ashlyn Busta.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Judy Nelson, Karen Kerner, Madonna Stumme.

In the Military: Jeff Kleppe, Nathan Guyer, Kennedy White.

 Please keep the family & friends of Ruth Amundson in your thoughts and prayers. Ruth passed away on Wednesday, August 14th.



Compassionate Companions is the devotional in the May/June edition of the ELCA Gather Magazine used for Circle Meeting. It is a beautiful article that focuses on how congregations can play a role in mental health for all. Several copies have been placed in the downstairs entry for anyone who would like to read the devotional.



September 2024 – Impact of In-Kind Donations

At LSI, in-kind gifts (non-monetary) are just as impactful as financial donations. Director of Philanthropy, Deb Whitford, was inspired by the song “If I Could Dream” by Elvis Presley. She wondered, “What would I dream about for our clients? What would our clients dream for?”

A Story by Deb Whitford:

When is a yardage not just pieces of fabric? In the hands of someone learning to sew, fabric becomes a blank canvas of possibilities. A nearly empty closet containing the few items a refugee could fit in their suitcase when traveling to the US turns into a place of pride when filled with hand-sewn clothes made from that fabric. If I could dream...I dream of curtains for bare windows and cloth to cover worn tables. I dream of the magic of small pieces of fabric fitting into beautiful patterns in quilts to brighten homes and become treasured wraps providing comfort and warmth. These dreams are becoming a reality thanks to the generosity of an LSI donor.

Connie Hansen from Audubon, Iowa, is no stranger to fabric and sewing. Connie has enjoyed sewing for much of her lifetime. In her younger years, she shared her passion for sewing, serving as a 4-H leader in Melville Township, sewing clothes for herself and daughter. Through the years, her love and passion for quilting has grown friendships with others who love the craft. Connie dreamed of keeping her newest neighbors warm with her remaining fabric and donated the yards to LSI. This fabric will be used by our newly resettled immigrant and refugee families to create quilts and clothing, helping them feel more comfortable in their new homes. We hear about dreams every day at LSI from our direct service providers, team members, and clients. Thanks to your generosity, these dreams can become reality.

Help our clients’ dreams become reality by donating in-kind gifts to LSI. To learn more, contact philanthropy@LSIowa.org.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI’s Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.



Sunday School for youth 3yrs-5th grade, begins **Sunday, September 8th**. Youth and teachers will be dismissed from worship following the children’s sermon to attend.



Sunday School Teachers needed. They really need your help. If you would be available at all (even for a few Sundays), please contact Kayleen Schrader @ 563-380-9097.



CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin on Wednesday, September 11th, right after school (2:30ish) until 3:30pm.



Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2024



Thank you for supporting our Back to School event. It was a wonderful day and we had lots of fun. I will be providing the final numbers next month as I am still serving families with backpacks!

The process of planning our Annual Hog Roast is underway. This event will be “free-will donation” and will be held on October 6th from 4-7pm. We will be serving pork sandwiches, baked beans, cheesy potatoes, salads, deserts and drinks. All proceeds will be supporting our crisis fund for families in need.

**** If you have an extra 18-22 quart roaster you are not using (in great condition) or if you want to purchase one, we are looking to add some to our inventory so we do not have to borrow every year.****

This year we will be having an auction for the donated quilts from churches in the area. We will start the online auction on September 16th. Pictures, quilt information and opening bid will be listed. From there, people can bid using the comment section of the post. Online bidding will close at 11:59 pm October 5th. We will then begin in person bidding at the Hog Roast the next day from 4-6pm, At 6 pm we will announce the winning bids. There will be other items at the “in-person” bidding so please plan on attending and supporting SOTH and our mission to help others.

Clothing Center Updates:

We will be accepting fall clothing starting September 1 and winter clothing mid-October. Appointments are required to donate to ensure we have the room for your donations. Most all items in the thrift store are only \$1.00. I will have a half-off sale when I transition from summer to fall so stay tuned to our Facebook page for the date! We have been very fortunate to receive great quality donations. It really does pay to thrift shop as you never know what you’re going to find especially for only \$1.00!

Shepherd Conference News:

*Pastor Lyn Noel, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville, is celebrating his ordination anniversary on 10/20/13
Pastor Katherine Longtin Johnson, Bethany Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran, is celebrating her ordination anniversary on 10/19/14.
Congratulations Pastor Lyn and Pastor Katherine!*

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities and our sponsored events throughout the year
Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify **Crisis or Operating Fund!**

Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:

**Annual Hog Roast
October 6 from 4-7pm**

*Any event may be subject to change

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IowaStateFair

CONGRATULATIONS to **Chris & Lois Miller** who were the recipients of the **Century Farm Award** and the **Heritage Farm Award** at the 2024 Iowa State Fair. The Century Farm Award represents a 100 years of family farm ownership and the Heritage Farm Award represents 150 years of family farm ownership.

CONGRATULATIONS also goes out to **Bob & June Swenson** and **Mike & Rose Schutte**. Both couples received the Century Farm Award.



Madonna Stumme has moved to be near her daughter Sarah and her family. The church office has her address & phone number if you'd like to send her a note or call her.

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!




We need your stuff for the Rummage Sale. People can start bringing items for the sale beginning, Monday, Sept. 16th, during church office hours. Tables will be labeled so you can place your item(s) in the appropriate place for the sale. Baked items and produce can be dropped off, beginning Thursday of that week, thru the end of the sale. Please price your baked and produce items. Rummage sale is a freewill offering.




WELCA Fall Rummage, Bake and Produce Sale

Friday, Sept. 20th from 2-6pm;
Saturday, Sept. 21st from 9am-noon;
Sunday, Sept. 21st following worship.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 3rd Quarter (July-Sept.) will go to Sarah Updegraff-Murray, daughter of Sue Updegraff. Sarah fell this past winter and broke her neck. She has made great progress, but the road to recovery is long.

 **Direct Deposit Offering** is available for your weekly/monthly offering. Simply contact the office for account and routing information. It's fast and easy!



Senior Game Day is on Sept. 11th, from 2-4pm. Come join us for some snacks and fun! All are welcome!



Luther League will meet on Wed., Sept. 18th @ 6:30pm. TJ's pizza! Luther League is for all youth from 7th-12th grade. RSVP with Jess Dean and let her know what kind of pizza you like.